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A system, method and article of manufacture are provided for improving an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider. First, a user is prompted to identify at least one aspect of an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider utilizing a network. Next, the identification [[as]] of the aspect of the existing application infrastructure is received utilizing the network, and the aspect is translated into a common structure such that the structure is stored in a knowledge base. Such common structure aspect of the existing application infrastructure is subsequently analyzed using a spreadsheet stored in a database, and the spreadsheet includes predefined rules that are used to identify upgrades to the existing application infrastructure. Further, improvements-upgrades to the existing application infrastructure are suggested and displayed based on the analysis utilizing the network.

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In one embodiment of the present invention, the aspect of the existing application infrastructure includes an ability of the application service provider to deliver applications over the network. As an option, results of the analysis may be assessed after which the assessment may be provided the user with the assessment.

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In another embodiment of the present invention, the user may be prompted to identify the aspect of the existing application infrastructure by querying the user. Further, the improvements upgrades may include adding components of the existing application infrastructure that are currently missing.